

MADE FOR MORE

KEEP SAYING *YES*

APRIL 12TH, 2026

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DEAR FRIENDS,

When we were asked to serve as Campaign Directors for our Made for More capital campaign, we prayerfully accepted. Seeing what LLUMC has meant to so many people over the years inspires a deep desire to help ensure our church continues and strengthens its mission to love all people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

This responsibility is not taken lightly, and there is a strong commitment to helping achieve the **\$8.5 million goal**. It's a significant number, but it's important to remember that Made for More is a 3-year effort.

With God's grace, and the faithful support of LLUMC's members and staff, this work will help prepare our church for continued impact for many years to come.

Sincerely,

**Paula & Joe Cuadrado,
Kathy & Greg Gordon,
Beth & Chuck Thoele**

Campaign Directors



Imagine...

...freedom from debt

One of the primary elements of Lovers Lane's **MADE FOR MORE** capital campaign, along with **Building Upgrades and Improvements to Family Ministry Environments**, is to reduce our debt, which will free up almost \$400,000 each year. While it's easy to bring into focus facilities improvements and growth in family ministry, retiring debt is the least "viewable" of Made for More's goals. But its intangibility doesn't mean it is any less important.

Think about how it felt when you were able to pay off debt. Along with alleviating a lot of stress, it allowed you to better plan for the future. In short, debt reduction, whether for individuals, businesses, or churches, enables you to think and act proactively, not mired in a reactive mindset. For LLUMC, the success of Made for More will allow us to do what we have always done so well, but even better for years to come - **Loving all people into relationship with Jesus Christ.**



CAMPUS UPGRADES & IMPROVEMENTS

- Asbury Hall Renovation
- Back-up Generator
- Electrical Lighting in Asbury Hall & Sanctuary
- Exterior Repair & Plumbing
- Fire Alarm System
- HVAC Sanctuary Controls
- Interior Painting in Aldersgate, Watson Hall, Shipp Chapel Hallway, and Staff Offices
- Asbury Bathroom Renovation
- Family Ministry Environment Upgrades

Paying for Yes

Equivalent to \$13,500/week



What if this could fund minist

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS

Q: What is the primary purpose of our Made for More capital campaign?

A: Made for More will align our resources with our calling to Love All People into Relationship with Jesus Christ and strengthen our foundation by retiring our debt, make long-needed building upgrades and improvements, and enhance our family ministry goals to feed the hungry, expand outreach, strengthen recovery ministries, and nurture disciples of all ages.

Q: What is the total campaign goal and how will the donations be used?

A: Made for More's goal is \$8.5 million and \$6.1 million of that amount will eliminate our remaining debt. Two million dollars will be used to address long-needed facilities maintenance and \$400,000 will be used to help create welcoming, inclusive, and secure environments for children and students.

Q: Why does LLUMC have debt?

A: In the past, Lovers Lane borrowed money to fund many of the buildings on our campus, which, of course, are an important part of our ministry and missions. However, the debt incurred to accomplish that has diverted resources away from our core mission of Loving All People



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Debt Liability

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Investing in Tomorrow



225 Kids
VBS Scholarships



46,550 Meals
Feed My Starving Children



14 New Small Groups

"I kept wanting to come back."

Kevin Gilliam,
25+ year member



100 Lives
Reached

We were MADE FOR MORE

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into Relationship with Jesus Christ. Make no mistake, LLUMC is not in dire financial straits, but retiring our debt will move us from the reactive to the proactive, from defense to offense.

Q: What happens if we surpass the \$8.5 million goal?

A: Additional funds donated to Made for More will be invested in our ministries and facilities as determined by the Executive Committee.

Q: How do we know our funds will be used for the intended purpose of the campaign?

A: The Finance Committee has appointed three members to oversee all campaign funds throughout the life of the Made for More 3-year campaign. So, every dollar will be

used to align with Made for More's vision and goals. Regular financial updates will be shared to provide full transparency, so we can celebrate our progress together.

Q: Will the sale of the Walnut Hill property reduce the campaign's goal of \$8.5 million?

A: No. The goal will remain the same. If the proceeds of the Walnut Hill sale combined with the campaign funds generate an amount in excess of \$8.5 million, the additional funds will be invested in the church's buildings, ministries, and missions, as determined by the Executive Committee.

A complete list of FAQs is available at
llumc.org/madeformore

Join **OUR** journey

EPHESIANS 2:10 reminds us that we are God's handiwork—formed in Christ Jesus for good works that God has already prepared before us. This is not just something we do; it is who we are.

At Lovers Lane, we have always been people who show up when something good needs to happen.

We trust that God is already at work—and we join in.

As we enter this season of the Made for More campaign, we begin not with plans, but with prayer. Our prayer vigil will help us slow down enough to listen for where God is leading us next—individually and collectively. We name what we are carrying, and **we ask God to free us for what lies ahead.**

This is more than a financial commitment—it is a spiritual one. As we pray, we are opening ourselves to be shaped again as God's handiwork, ready to say yes, ready to follow, and ready to step into the good works God has prepared.

Rev. Kay Eck
Executive Pastor &
Campaign Coordinator



LEVELS OF GIVING TO REACH \$8.5 MILLION

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| <i>A larger gift would be gratefully appreciated.</i> | | LEADERSHIP LEVEL |
| 1 | GIFT AT \$1,000,000 | |
| 2 | GIFTS AT \$500,000 | |
| 3 | GIFTS AT \$250,000 | |
| 4 | GIFTS AT \$200,000 | |
| 5 | GIFTS AT \$150,000 | CHALLENGE LEVEL |
| 8 | GIFTS AT \$100,000 | |
| 10 | GIFTS AT \$75,000 | |
| 15 | GIFTS AT \$50,000 | PACESETTING LEVEL |
| 20 | GIFTS AT \$25,000 | |
| 30 | GIFTS AT \$15,000 | |
| 40 | GIFTS AT \$10,000 | |
| 50 | GIFTS AT \$5,000 | |
| 100 | GIFTS AT \$1,500 | |
| <i>Every gift is significant, no matter the size.</i> | | |

GIVING IS FOR 3 YEARS
over and above our regular giving

WAYS TO GIVE

- Cash
- Real Estate
- Stocks or bonds
- Life insurance policies or cash values of policy
- Direct transfer from an IRA
- Income tax refunds
- Profits from selling antiques, works of art, jewelry, or a coin or stamp collection
- Irrevocable or revocable trust

*Not equal giving...
but equal sacrifice.*

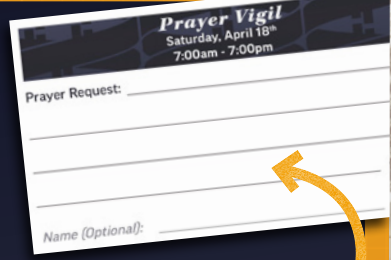
MADE FOR MORE Prayer Vigil

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

7:00am - 7:00 pm

This campaign is focused on people and ministry. God calls us to love ALL people, and on **Saturday, April 18th** we will hold a prayer vigil to pray for our church, our community, and our world.

We encourage you to come to the Sanctuary for an hour during our 12-hour vigil. There will be prayer guides provided to help you center yourself and spend time in silence with God.



PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are available at the welcome desk.

You can turn in prayer requests at the welcome desk or online by Friday, April 17th. Each prayer request received will be prayed on during our vigil.

MARK & AMY HART
Spiritual Life Team Leaders



llumc.org/vigil

MADE FOR MORE Gatherings

You're invited to any of these all-church events to learn and ask about the campaign.

Sunday, April 12th

MFM Gathering | *African Fellowship & Crosswalk*
12:30pm

Tuesday, April 14th

MFM Gathering | *Bold Women*
11:30am

Thursday, April 16th

MFM Gathering | *Tom Shipp*
11:30am

Saturday, April 18th

Prayer Vigil
7:00am-7:00pm

Sunday, April 19th

Family Ministry Celebration
During Worship

MFM Gathering | *Family Ministry*
12:30pm

Sunday, April 26th

Ministry Impact Sunday
During Worship

Sunday, April 28th

Final MFM Gathering
6:00pm



Rev. Ngoni Mukarakate
Associate Pastor of African Fellowship

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Upcoming EVENTS:

Sunday, April 12th

Vision Awareness Sunday
and MFM Gathering | *African
Fellowship & Crosswalk*
During Worship & 12:30pm

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Missions Ministry



Student Worship



Spring Cleaning

Lovers Lane UMC

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